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United States Attorney 2 Eastern District of Washington Brian M. Donovan John T. Drake 4 Assistant United States Attorneys Post Office Box 1494 Spokane, WA 99210-1494 6 Telephone: (509) 353-2767 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 10 JEREMY OLSEN, 11 No. 2:21-CV-00326-SMJ 12 Plaintiff, v. 13 MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE SUR-REPLY BRIEF RE: XAVIER BECERRA, in his official 14 PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR capacity as Secretary of the United States PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION 15 Department of Health and Human Services, 16 04/04/22 Defendant. Without Oral Argument 17 18 **Expedited Hearing Requested** 19 20 Defendant Xavier Becerra, in his official capacity as Secretary of the United 21 States Department of Health and Human Services, ("Defendant"), through counsel, 22 moves for leave to file a sur-reply brief in opposition to Plaintiff's pending motion for 23 24 preliminary injunction. Undersigned counsel has conferred with Plaintiff's counsel 25 about this motion; Plaintiff does not oppose the filing of a sur-reply brief. 26 27 28

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Defendant requests permission to file a 5-page sur-reply brief addressed to the following issues, which Plaintiff raised for the first time in his preliminary injunction reply brief:

- 1) Plaintiff's assertion that the two Medicare reimbursement claims at issue in this case were "rejected" by the Secretary (ECF No. 22 at 8); and
- 2) Plaintiff's assertion that the Secretary is relying on CMS 1682-R to reject *other* Medicare reimbursement claims that Plaintiff is currently appealing through the administrative appeal process, including a claim for sensors provided on October 13, 2021 (ECF No. 22 at 4, 7, 10 & Exhibit A).

As Defendant will explain in its forthcoming sur-reply brief, these assertions are factually inaccurate. The two claims at issue in this case were paid on July 15, 2021, under replacement claim numbers assigned by the Medicare Administrative Contractor ("MAC") following this Court's entry of judgment in Plaintiff's favor in *Olsen I*. The October 13, 2021 claim, which is not at issue, was paid on December 27, 2021. There are no other pending claims that have not been paid.

Defendant proposes to file his sur-reply brief within 2 business days of the Court's ruling on the motion, in order to provide the Court and its staff sufficient time to review the brief prior to the March 18, 2022 preliminary injunction hearing.

DATED this 2nd day of March, 2022.

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